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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takashi SHIBATA, et al

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/926,163

FILED: September 17, 2001

FOR: SORBITOL DEHYDROGENASE, GENE ENCODING THE SAME AND USE

THEREOF

## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS & TRADEMARKS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated October 25, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration, a translation of the application into English, Preliminary Amendment and the Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence Listing diskette.

The required fee is enclosed.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Our check in the amount of \$588.00 is attached hereto. If any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the required Government fee, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

English Translation of Specification, Drawings (7 sheets), Declaration, Check for \$588.00, Sequence Listing (8 sheets), Preliminary Amendment, Sequence Listing Diskette, Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements

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